

21 Cornhill, Boston

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Dear Mr. Higginson,

Yrs. of yesterday has just come to hand. I thank you for your full replies to questions, which surely had not been proposed to give you trouble, but to clear up, if possible, some unpleasant reports.

I agree with you that, in the new circumstances, and especially with the knowledge & concurrence of the majority of their Committee (five-sevenths, as you state it,) it was entirely competent for them to annul a former agreement, & adopt a new plan, — <sup>but, in such case,</sup> ~~provided, that~~ it should be clearly understood that the minority of the Comtee were not to be in any wise responsible for the



New plan, more particularly  
if ~~they~~ had never heard a word of it

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until the agreed moment of putting  
it in execution had arrived. -

This was the difficulty here - one  
of the Sub. Comtee, who was entirely  
ignorant of the new plan; & under  
circumstances, which could not reflect  
discredit <sup>for that ignorance,</sup> on him, has been freely  
blamed (as I have stated in former  
notes), and as I have also heard  
(from very good authority) to have  
been the case in the City of Worcester,  
- so that it became quite a <sup>frequent</sup> common  
occasion ~~of~~ <sup>there</sup> ~~of~~ <sup>of</sup> censure of him.

The hearty & unqualified manner  
in which your notes vindicate  
him from such blame compensates



me entirely for the ~~trouble~~ rather  
disagreeable nature of the <sup>inquiries</sup> correspondence  
which I felt it my duty to <sup>address to you</sup> commence,  
and I hope you will have no cause  
to regret the correspondence. — I am  
sorry that every other member of  
that Sub-Committee cannot be equally  
~~cleared~~ vindicated.

I must repeat my regret that  
this additional letter-writing has been  
thrown upon you at a time when  
every hour must have been needed  
for other calls; and wishing you a  
safe voyage and the full attainment  
of your object in it, I am

Very sincerely

Yours

Sam. May Jr



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